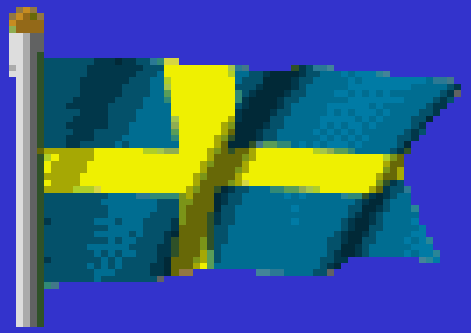
# TRAVELER'S BRIEFING



# SWEDEN

# (Konungariket Sverige)

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Tver'
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# BACKGROUND

**Full Name:  Kingdom of Sweden**

**Capital: Stockholm**

**Population: 8,911,296,838 (est)**

**Type of government: Constitutional Mo**

**Head of government: PM Goran Persson**

**Official language(s) Swedish**

**Economy: Socialist- capitalist**

**Religions: Evangelical Lutheran (94%)**

# TRAVEL

**Travel restrictions: None**

**International Airport: Stockholm**

**Flights from Frankfurt: Lufthansa, SAS**

**Other methods of arrival: Ship/Road/rail**

**U.S. Embassy address: Dag Hammarskjolds Vag 31., Stockholm.**

**Transportation: Public transportation: Good. -8046 E-mail - dao@usemb.se**

**Urban Roads/Maintenance: Good.**

**Rural roads/Maintenance: Good.**

**Availability of roadside assistance: Good. Swedish highways and secondary roads are of high quality, although outside of major cities they often narrow to two lanes with a wide shoulder. Slower vehicles are expected to move into the shoulder to allow faster ones to pass. A valid U.S. driver's**

# ENTRY/EXIT

**Travel Necessities: For official travel, a no-fee passport is required. Military personnel who are US citizens and currently assigned to US military units in Western Europe may be exempted from passport requirement if they can show a valid military ID card and "Leave Order" naming Sweden as a specific destination. Despite this exemption, possession of a valid US passport is strongly recommended. Civilian personnel (including dependents) require passports. A visa is not required for stays of 90 days or less. Visas are required if staying more than 90 days. The 90-day period begins when entering the Scandinavian area (Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, and/or Iceland).**

**Customs, immigration, and quarantine inspection is required.**

**Duty-free entry for used personal effects: camera and reasonable amount of film (for personal use only), portable typewriter, cigarette lighter, electric razor, record player and records, l00 cigars or 500 cigarettes or 500 grams of tobacco,**

# HELPFUL HINTS

**Special restrictions: Request lodging a minimum of three weeks in advance. If unused reservations are not cancelled 24 hrs in advance, payment for first nights lodging must be made in full. During June, July, and August there is a shortage of hotel space in Stockholm. Firearms are prohibited in flight and on airport.**

**Amembassy operating hours are 0800-1630L Mon-Fri.. In addition to US holidays, Amembassy is closed on the following Swedish holidays: 6 Jan, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Swedish Labor Day (1 May), Ascension Day, Whit Monday, Midsummer Eve, 24-26 Dec, and New Year's Eve.**

# MONEY

**Currency restrictions: Declare all currency. There is no limit on foreign imports. Amount imported may be exported if within three months. Import and export of Swedish kronor is limited to l000. No notes larger than l00 kroner may be exported. Exchange currency only at authorized banks (available at entry airports) and hotels. Banks exchange all types of foreign currency; hotels exchange at or near legal rate. Currency is checked on leaving.**

**Rate: Approximate: 8.71 Swedish Krona for $1.**

# HEALTH

**Major threats: diarrhea, respiratory diseases, accidents, arthropod-borne diseases,  STDs, cold injuries, and industrial pollution.**
**Availability of medical services: Good. Medical care comparable to that found in the United States is widely available.**
**Medical Insurance: May not apply in Sweden. Check with your policy advisor to see if you are covered or will be reimbursed. Cash payments may be required.**
**Status of hospitals:  Good.**

**Health Precautions: None.**

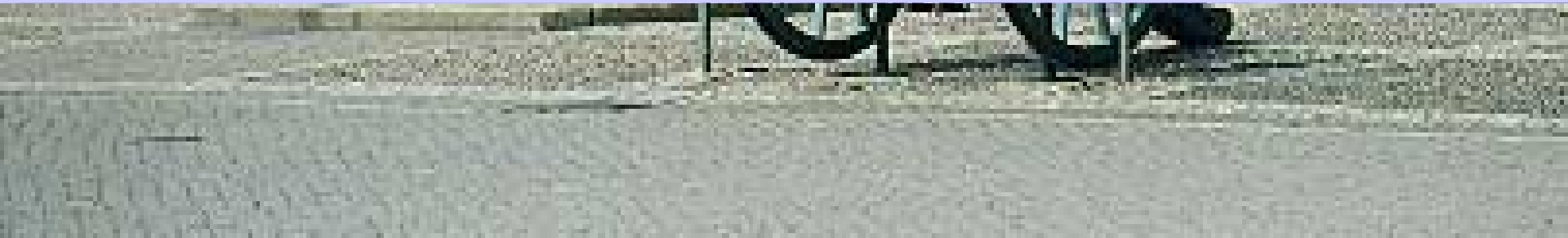
**Immunizations: Hep A (recommended), Hep B (recommended), TB (recommended) MMR (recommended) and tetanus-disptheria boosters (recommended).**

# FORCE PROTECTION

**Country Clearance: Required for all military personnel traveling to Sweden.  You obtain this by going through your S3/G3 section. This must be done at least 30 days ahead of scheduled visit. DV visits will also be coordinated through G3/S3 channels.**

**Briefings: AT/FP level I brief from command's Level II trainer or equivalent.**

**Use of seat belts is mandatory, and children under seven are required to be in approved child or booster seats. The maximum speed limit in Sweden is 110 kilometers per hour. Moving violations, especially speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol, are strictly enforced and fines can be severe.**



# CRIME

**Criminal Activities: Sweden has a relatively low crime rate, and violent crimes are uncommon although increasing. Most crimes involve theft of personal property in public areas or burglary from cars or residences. However, travelers, especially those who appear affluent, can become targets of pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Hotel breakfast rooms and lobbies, in particular, attract professional, well-dressed thieves who blend in with guests. The loss or theft abroad of a U.S. passport should be reported immediately to the local police and the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.**

**Sweden is strict on: DWI. Driving regulations and signs differ from those in the US. Moving violations, especially speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol, are strictly enforced, and fines can be severe.**

# WEATHER

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# CLOTHING

**Uniform restrictions: Uniforms of any type, including flight clothing, are prohibited. Fall and winter-weight clothing is worn throughout the year.**

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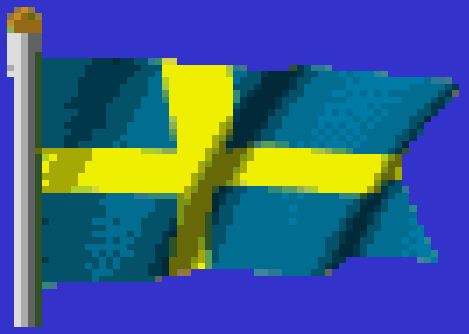

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